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**Examining Board of Physical Therapists and Athletic Trainers**

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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	<b>EXAMINING BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPISTS AND ATHLETIC TRAINERS</b>
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	<b>Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.</b>
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware <b>Conference Room A</b> , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:	March 24, 2015

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Julie Knowles, Professional Member, Chairperson  
Jeffrey Schneider, Professional Member, Vice-Chairperson  
Samuel Sullivan, Professional Member, Secretary  
Amy Blansfield, Professional Member  
Angela Smith, Professional Member  
Waheedah Shabazz, Public Member

**DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

David Mangler, Director of Professional Regulation  
Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General  
Sandra Wagner, Administrative Specialist III

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Wayne Woodzell, Professional Member  
Damien McGovern, Professional Member  
Prameela Kaza, Public Member

**ALSO PRESENT**

Laura Schmitt, PT  
Philip Allen, PT  
Marybeth Glasheen-Wray, PT

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Knowles called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the November 18, 2014 meeting. Ms. Blansfield made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schneider to approve the minutes as written. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Board Chair Signing of Hearing Officers Recommendations**

Iwona Klapa

Jennifer Labang  
Kelly Neal

#### Re-review Application

The Board re-reviewed the tabled application of Sean Carver. The Board sent a letter asking for additional information and Mr. Carver submitted a note from his doctor. Ms. Knowles made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blansfield, to approve Mr. Carver for licensure. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### Rule and Regulation Hearing: Dry Needling and Telehealth – 4:30 p.m.

The minutes for the hearing will follow the regular minutes below.

#### Discussion and Review of Hearing Officer Recommendations

Jessica Oliver – Board members reviewed the Rule to Show Cause Recommendation from the Hearing Officer. After discussion, Ms. Knowles made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blansfield, to accept the Hearing Officer's recommendation as written. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

#### Ratify PT/PTA/AT Application by Examination

Mr. Schneider made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to ratify licensure by examination and approve the following as noted below. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Kristen Lockwood (PT)  
John Iannelli (PT)  
Jacob Capin (PT)

Kaitlyn Grasso (PT)  
Kiefer Gooch (PT)

Dana Sutula (PT)  
Allison Siple (PT)

#### Ratify PT/PTA/AT Applications by Reciprocity

Mr. Schneider made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to ratify licensure by reciprocity and approve the following as noted below. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Christina Kercher (AT)  
Catrice Ballard (AT)  
Victoria Simonetti (AT)  
Katrina Van Ostrand (PT)  
Allison Kras (PT)  
Matthew Waters (AT)  
Kelsey Curlen (AT)  
Harsh Goyal (PT)  
Ryan Green (PT)

Nielsh Shelth (PT)  
Christopher Hartman (AT)  
Matthew Porter (PT)  
Amanda Pezzella (PT)  
Harold Johnson Jr. (PTA)  
William Behrns (PT)  
Heather Leiggi (PT)  
Giorvahny Augustin (PT)  
Deepak Aggarwal (PT)

Valdez Crouse (AT)  
Philip Black (AT)  
Ryan Griffith (AT)  
Shelly Carroll (PT)  
Alisa Pravdo (PT)  
Kelly Hale (PT)  
Pooja Rogit (PT)  
Kevin Nagel (PT)

#### Review PT/PTA/AT Applications by Reciprocity

After the Board reviewed the application, Mr. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Ms. Shabazz, to propose to deny Mr. Brian Weisman's application by reciprocity due to consent agreement in another state. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

After the Board reviewed the application, Mr. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blansfield, to approve Mr. Timothy Gannon's application by reciprocity. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

After the Board reviewed the application, Mr. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blansfield, to approve Ms. Susan Loveland's application by reciprocity. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

#### Review PT/PTA/AT Applications by Reinstatement

After the Board reviewed the reinstatement application, Ms. Knowles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to approve Ms. Gwendolyn Oscar's reinstatement application. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

After the Board reviewed the reinstatement application, Ms. Knowles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to approve Ms. Lilibeth Dayao's reinstatement application. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

#### Reactivation of PT/PTA/AT License

After the Board reviewed the reactivation request, Mr. Schneider made a motion, seconded by Ms. Shabazz, to approve Ms. Jennifer Schwomeyer's reactivation request. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

#### Status of Complaints

#### Review of Continuing Education Courses

Mr. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blansfield, to approve the following continuing education courses. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Maricryst Birao – Fazzi Associates – OASIS A-Z – .5 CEUs

Maricryst Birao – University of Maryland School of Medicine – Doctorate Program PT Clinical Internship CI  
Therapy Services of Delaware, Inc. – Enhancing Therapy Services to Children with Mental Health Issues - AM  
.3 CEUs

Therapy Services of Delaware, Inc. – Ethics in Rehabilitation Practice – PM .3 CEUs

Richard Hughes – Functional Movement Systems – Functional Movement Screen Certification Level 1 - .8  
CEUs

Richard Hughes - Functional Movement Systems – Functional Movement Screen Certification Level 2 – 1.2  
CEUs

Care Resources – The Art of Clinical Reasoning: Enhancing Sensory Integration Perspectives – 1.4 CEUs

Care Resources – The iPad: Practical Ideas for Therapy and Documentation - .7 CEUs

Care Resources – From Sensory Processing to Executive Functioning – 1.4 CEUs

Care Resources – Handling Intensive to Improve Core Stability toward Functional Outcomes – 1.5 CEUs

Care Resources – Defying Gravity: Understand and Treating Children with Hypotonia – 1.5 CEUs

Care Resources – ADHD, ASD, Childhood Mental Health Disorders to the Brain – 1.5 CEUs

Care Resources – Advanced Pediatric Gait Analysis and Orthotic Management: A Segmental Kinematic  
Approach – 1.5 CEUs

Mr. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blansfield, to amend the agenda to add 4.9.14 to 4.9.18 and  
approve the following continuing education courses. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Numotion – Dynamic Seating: Principles and Practices for Clients with Neurological Diagnoses – .3 CEUs

Numotion – Rethinking Sitting: Creating wheeled seating and mobility solutions - .3 CEUs

AdvantageCEUs.com – Pain Types and Patterns – A Differential Diagnosis - .6 CEUs

AdvantageCEUs.com – Orthopedic Physical Therapy Secrets – Module 9: The Spine - .6 CEUs

AdvantageCEUs.com – Neuro Rehab – Module 1: Balance and Vestibular Dysfunction - .6 CEUs

#### Elections of Board Members for 2015

Mr. Schneider nominated Julie Knowles as chairperson for a second term; Mr. Schneider made a motion,  
seconded by Ms. Smith. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Ms. Knowles nominated Jeffrey Schneider as vice chairperson and Samuel Sullivan as secretary for a second  
term; Ms. Knowles made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blansfield. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Letter from Michelle Castronuevo**

Ms. Blansfield made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith, to send notification to Ms. Castronuevo to let her know that the information that was sent in does not meet the standards in the rules and regulations for continuing education credits. There was no ethics or CPR documents submitted which is a requirement for this renewal going forward. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

## **OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**

The Board discussed adding language to the rules and regulations pertaining to the supervision of Physical Therapists seeking sports physical therapy certification. There was discussion of whether the Physical Therapist working in the non-clinical setting treating athletic injuries, under direct on-site supervision, would need to be enrolled in an APTA Sports Physical Therapy residency. This issue will be part of the Board's discussion in February. The Board will also discuss physicians' use of physical therapy prescription pads which are provided by and have information pertaining to particular practices.

Ms. Wagner asked the Board about an inquiry that came into the office about getting continuing education credit for having a journal club and this club meets once a week. The Board stated that if the journal club can track attendance and is Physical therapy related in discussion then according to the rules they could get some credit for the journal club. Ms. Wagner will contact the person and let them know what the Board stated.

Ms. Wagner asked the Board about another inquiry that came into the office about the ability of a physical therapist removing staples after a procedure. The Board replied that wound care is part of their practice act. There is nothing in the practice act that would prohibit removal of staples. Ms. Wagner will contact the person and let them know what the Board stated.

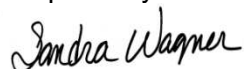
## **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. in the second floor Conference Room A, of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Schneider made a motion, seconded by Ms. Shabazz, to adjourn the meeting. By unanimous vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Wagner  
Administrative Specialist III

*The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.*

## **HEARING MINUTES**

### **HEARING – EXAMINING BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPISTS and ATHLETIC TRAINERS**

The Delaware Examining Board of Physical Therapists and Athletic Trainers held a hearing on January 27, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room A, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Suite 203, Dover, Delaware.

**PRESENT:** Julie Knowles, Jeff Schneider, Sam Sullivan, Waheedah Shabazz, Amy Blansfield, Angela Smith

**PURPOSE:** The Board's proposed amendments add a new Rule 14.0 pertaining to the practice of telehealth. This regulation sets forth standards and requirements in order to both permit this practice and protect the public.

Pursuant to review of the Board by the Joint Sunset Committee, the Board has proposed a new Rule 15.4 pertaining to the practice of dry needling. As the result of legislative changes to the Board's licensing law, dry needling is now part of the scope of practice for Physical Therapists. The new Rule 15.4 sets for prerequisites which must be met before a Physical Therapist can perform dry needling on patients.

**PRESIDING:** Julie Knowles, President

**BOARD STAFF:** Sandra Wagner, Administrative Specialist III

**DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE BOARD:** Eileen Kelly, DAG

**TIME STARTED:** 4:30 p.m.

The hearing was recorded and took verbatim testimony. Ms. Kelly confirmed with Ms. Wagner that no written public comment was received by the Board's office. The Board members introduced themselves for the record. There were public present but no comments were made. Ms. Kelly entered documents as Board Exhibit 1 News Journal notification and Board Exhibit 2 Delaware State News notification. Ms. Kelly summarized the proposed revisions. Ms. Kelly said the proposed changes were published in the Delaware Register of Regulations on December 1, 2014 and the comment period has been open since then. Ms. Kelly said the written comment period would remain open for an additional 15 days. The Board will deliberate on the proposed changes at its next regularly scheduled meeting on February 17, 2015. The hearing concluded at 4:33 p.m.

Near the end of the Board meeting, after the hearing concluded, Ms. Glasheen-Wray asked for the opportunity to make comment on the proposed telehealth regulations. She apologized that she was late and stated that she was having car trouble. Ms. Kelly stated that the Board had already conducted the hearing and the hearing was closed. Ms. Kelly stated that the only option would be for the Board to open the hearing back up for her public comments.

Mr. Schneider made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to re-open the hearing at 5:47 p.m. to give Ms. Glasheen-Wray the opportunity to give her public comments. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Ms. Glasheen-Wray wanted to know if on the 12<sup>th</sup> visit, this could be done by video conference. For home health in the rural areas of Sussex county especially, if video conference could be used it would help the agencies with resources and time.

Mr. Schneider made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blansfield, to close the hearing at 5:49 p.m. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.